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So I as the customer that was/is forced by microsoft to use their product by them disabling or deciding to no longer support a competitors product get no relief. I as a taxpayer will have to subsidize the settlement with my tax dollars as microsoft will be able to write it off as a business expense.

The schools, who's leaders decided that computers where not important to education will now get the "Benefits" without doing anything. The schools, businesses, and people that paid for the software that led to the suit being filed get nothing but the pleasure of watching microsoft make more money at the government trough by writing off the settlement. Writing off the software as good will, or as a charitable donation, and then writing off the cost of manufacturing it also at inflated costs.

I am glad that the justice department is on my side, allowing me to help Bill Gates keep his money on selling incomplete bug ridden systems.

Windows is NOT an operating system. It is an application designed to run as a shell over a true operating system. An operating system should only run the guts of the computer. The video, sound players, word processors, Email systems, etc. ARE applications that should be able to run on any operating system, but are restricted by the design of the so called operating system. Any program should be able to run when compiled on the operating system with the operating system sub-routines static on the system.

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